GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4357
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Missing Aircraft
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of fighter planes jets including AN-32 transport aircraft gone missing during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted to find out the cause of disappearance of such aircraft including AN-32 transport aircraft; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): No fighter planes jets have gone missing in the last 3 years, except one AN-32 transport aircraft presumed to have crashed into the Bay of Bengal during a sortie from Air Force Station Tambaram to Port Blair on 22.7.2016.

(c) & (d): Every aircraft accident / incident is thoroughly investigated by a Court of Inquiry (CoI) to ascertain the cause of accident. The AN-32 aircraft disappearance was investigated by a Court of Inquiry. Despite a thorough and exhaustive search of the missing aircraft using all resources available within the country, the aircraft wreckage could not be sighted till date. The Court of Inquiry could not establish the exact cause of the accident due to lack of conclusive evidence.
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